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Proposed Research Project in Organic Chemistry.

It is of interest to the Government to be fully aware of all aspects of secret writing, from both offensive and defensive standpoints.

The field of organic chemistry generally has contributed largely to the defensive aspects of secret writing, for example organic reagents for the detection of inorganic substances. However, considering the huge literature of organic chemistry, this field has not contributed its share of offensive methods.

A completed secret writing system is essentially a sensitive analytical method for the secret ink.

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While the interest of the present group is primarily in the offensive aspects, there is necessarily a secondary interest in defensive techniques which may well result from research in the field of secret writing. There are, in fact, other groups in the Government to whom the defensive aspects are of primary importance.

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